

## Message Text

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E. O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC, CI (GITLIN, BRUCE)  
SUBJECT: W/W: BRUCE GITLIN

REF: STATE 182969

1. CONGRESSMAN WILFF INTERESTED.
2. DUE TO UNSEASONABLY HEAVY SNOWFALL POST UNABLE TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH HOTEL PORTILLO SINCE ALL PHONE LINES AND EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TEMPORARILY INOPERATIVE AND ROADS HAVE BEEN CLOSED SINCE JULY 14.
3. LOCAL SKI RESORT OFFICE IN SANTIAGO ADVISED THAT, AS OF YESTERDAY (LAST RADIO CONTACT WITH PORTILLO), ALL 300 HOTEL GUESTS, INCLUDING GITLIN (WHO IS STILL REGISTERED), WERE IN GOOD HEALTH. SOURCE INDICATED THAT ROADS TO PORTILLO WILL NOT BE OPENED PRIOR TO JULY 23, BUT THAT REQUEST FOR GITLIN TO CONTACT CONSULATE ASAP WILL BE TRANSMITTED DURING RADIO CONTACT, HOPEFULLY TOMORROW. GITLIN ORIGINALLY HAD RESERVATIONS AT PORTILLO ONLY UNTIL JULY 15.
4. IN VIEW OF LOCAL AGENT'S ASSURANCES AND LACK OF PRESS REPORTS INDICATING MORE THAN INCONVENIENCE TO VISITORS AT PORTILLO, POST IS REASONABLY CONVINCED GITLIN IS NOT IN DANGER. APPROPRIATE UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED, FUTURE TRAVEL PLANS ASCERTAINED, AND CONTENTS OF REFTEL EXPLAINED TO GITLIN AS SOON AS CONDITIONS PERMIT. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ADVISE CONGRESSMAN WOLFF AND/OR GITLIN'S FATHER, MAT GITLIN, OF 91 ARLEIGH ROAD, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK (TELEPHONE 516-487-5829). FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
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